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San Francisco Bay Delta Estuarine Habitat Technical Workshop March 27, 2012

We are sponsoring a technical workshop, with assistance from Aquatic Science Center, to evaluate and describe how the location of low salinity estuarine habitat affects ecological processes and biological indicators like fish population and primary production. The Estuary's freshwater-saltwater interface (the low salinity zone, or LSZ) contains the greatest abundance of many open water estuarine organisms. A technical facilitator will work with approximately 20 invited scientists with expertise in estuarine ecology, fisheries, hydrodynamics, modeling, and water resource management to establish a comprehensive technical foundation describing the relationship between the size and location of the low salinity zone and the abundance and resilience of estuarine organisms. This information will be used by EPA to provide guidance to the State Water Resources Control Board as they update the water quality criteria in the Water Quality Control Plan. Meeting participants are invited and space is provided for public observation and an opportunity for public comment at the end of the workshop.

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